

1 **AIR AMBULANCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2 2019 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

5 House Sponsor: Paul Ray

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions relating to the Air Ambulance Committee.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ amends reporting requirements for the Air Ambulance Committee; and
- 13 ▶ reauthorizes the Air Ambulance Committee for five years.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **26-8a-107**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 419

21 **63I-2-226**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 38 and 281

23 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

24 Section 1. Section **26-8a-107** is amended to read:

25 **26-8a-107. Air Ambulance Committee -- Membership -- Duties.**

26 (1) The Air Ambulance Committee created by Section **26-1-7** shall be composed of the
27 following members:



- 28 (a) the state emergency medical services medical director;
- 29 (b) one physician who:
 - 30 (i) is licensed under:
 - 31 (A) Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;
 - 32 (B) Title 58, Chapter 67b, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; or
 - 33 (C) Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;
 - 34 (ii) actively provides trauma or emergency care at a Utah hospital; and
 - 35 (iii) has experience and is actively involved in state and national air medical transport
 - 36 issues;
- 37 (c) one member from each level 1 and level 2 trauma center in the state of Utah,
- 38 selected by the trauma center the member represents;
- 39 (d) one registered nurse who:
 - 40 (i) is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act; and
 - 41 (ii) currently works as a flight nurse for an air medical transport provider in the state of
 - 42 Utah;
- 43 (e) one paramedic who:
 - 44 (i) is licensed under Title 26, Chapter 8a, Utah Emergency Medical Services System
 - 45 Act; and
 - 46 (ii) currently works for an air medical transport provider in the state of Utah; and
 - 47 (f) one member from a for-profit air medical transport company operating in the state
 - 48 of Utah.
- 49 (2) The state emergency medical services medical director shall appoint the physician
- 50 member under Subsection (1)(b), and the physician shall serve as the chair of the Air
- 51 Ambulance Committee.
- 52 (3) The chair of the Air Ambulance Committee shall:
 - 53 (a) appoint the Air Ambulance Committee members under Subsections (1)(c) through
 - 54 (f);
 - 55 (b) designate the member of the Air Ambulance Committee to serve as the vice chair
 - 56 of the committee; and
 - 57 (c) set the agenda for Air Ambulance Committee meetings.
 - 58 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), members shall be appointed to a

59 two-year term.

60 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), the Air Ambulance Committee chair shall, at
61 the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of the terms of committee
62 members to ensure that the terms of the committee members are staggered so that
63 approximately half of the committee is reappointed every two years.

64 (5) (a) A majority of the members of the Air Ambulance Committee constitutes a
65 quorum.

66 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the Air Ambulance
67 Committee.

68 (6) The Air Ambulance Committee shall, before November 30, ~~[2017]~~ 2019, and
69 before November 30 of every odd-numbered year thereafter, provide recommendations to the
70 Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding the development of state standards
71 and requirements related to:

72 (a) air medical transport provider licensure and accreditation;

73 (b) air medical transport medical personnel qualifications and training; and

74 (c) other standards and requirements to ensure patients receive appropriate and
75 high-quality medical attention and care by air medical transport providers operating in the state
76 of Utah.

77 (7) An Air Ambulance Committee member may not receive compensation, benefits,
78 per diem, or travel expenses for the member's service on the committee.

79 (8) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff support to the Air
80 Ambulance Committee.

81 (9) The Air Ambulance Committee shall report to the Health and Human Services
82 Interim Committee before November 30, ~~[2018]~~ 2023, regarding the sunset of this section in
83 accordance with Section 63I-2-226.

84 Section 2. Section **63I-2-226** is amended to read:

85 **63I-2-226. Repeal dates -- Title 26.**

86 (1) Subsection 26-7-8(3) is repealed January 1, 2027.

87 ~~[(2) Subsection 26-7-9(5) is repealed January 1, 2019.]~~

88 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) Section 26-8a-107 is repealed July 1, ~~[2019]~~ 2024.

89 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) Subsection 26-8a-203(3)(a)(i) is repealed January 1, 2023.

- 90 [~~(5)~~] (4) Subsection ~~26-18-2.3~~(5) is repealed January 1, 2020.
- 91 [~~(6)~~] (5) Subsection ~~26-18-2.4~~(3)(e) is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 92 [~~(7)~~] Subsection ~~26-18-408~~(6) is repealed January 2, 2019.]
- 93 [~~(8)~~] (6) Subsection ~~26-18-410~~(5) is repealed January 1, 2026.
- 94 [~~(9)~~] (7) Subsection ~~26-18-411~~(5) is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 95 [~~(10)~~] (8) Subsection ~~26-18-604~~(2) is repealed January 1, 2020.
- 96 [~~(11)~~] (9) Subsection ~~26-21-28~~(2)(b) is repealed January 1, 2021.
- 97 [~~(12)~~] (10) Subsection ~~26-33a-106.1~~(2)(a) is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 98 [~~(13)~~] (11) Subsection ~~26-33a-106.5~~(6)(c)(iii) is repealed January 1, 2020.
- 99 [~~(14)~~] (12) Title 26, Chapter 46, Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance
100 Program, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 101 [~~(15)~~] (13) Subsection ~~26-50-202~~(7)(b) is repealed January 1, 2020.
- 102 [~~(16)~~] (14) Subsections ~~26-54-103~~(6)(d)(ii) and (iii) are repealed January 1, 2020.
- 103 [~~(17)~~] (15) Subsection ~~26-55-107~~(8) is repealed January 1, 2021.
- 104 [~~(18)~~] (16) Subsection ~~26-56-103~~(9)(d) is repealed January 1, 2020.
- 105 [~~(19)~~] (17) Title 26, Chapter 59, Telehealth Pilot Program, is repealed January 1, 2020.
- 106 [~~(20)~~] (18) Subsection ~~26-61-202~~(4)(b) is repealed January 1, 2022.
- 107 [~~(21)~~] (19) Subsection ~~26-61-202~~(5) is repealed January 1, 2022.